

Contaminated river

The Environmental Protection Agency triggered the wastewater release Wednesday morning while using heavy machinery to investigate pollutants at the Gold King Mine north of Silverton.

A 10:30 a.m. Wednesday

Spill begins that sent 1 million gallons of wastewater into the Cement Creek then Animas River.

B 12:45 p.m.

Approaches town of Silverton, where Cement Creek flows into the Animas River.

C Midnight Wednesday

Approaches Tall Timbers Depot on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.

D 5:30 a.m. Thursday

Travels toward Bakers Bridge.

E 1:30 p.m.

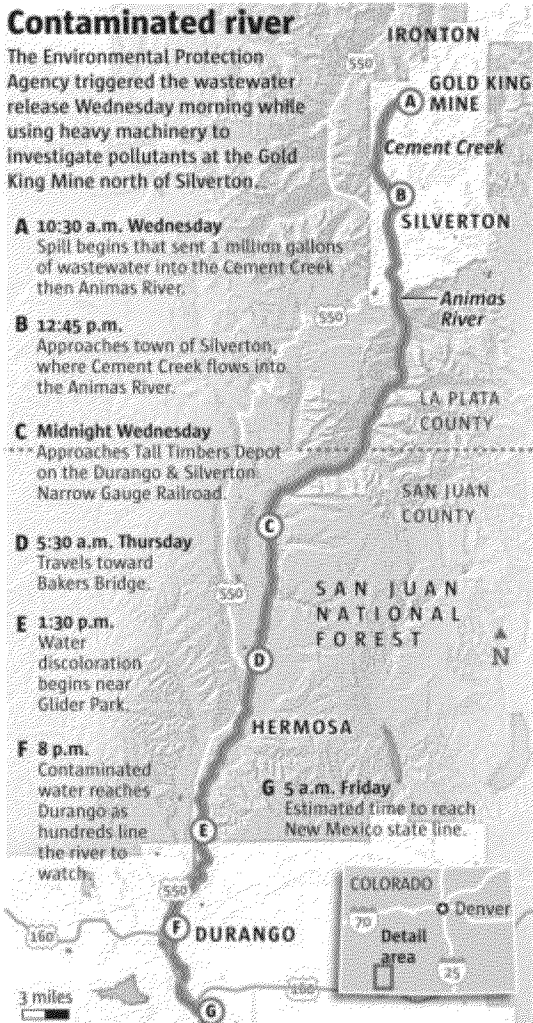
Water discoloration begins near Glider Park.

F 8 p.m.

Contaminated water reaches Durango as hundreds line the river to watch.

G 5 a.m. Friday

Estimated time to reach New Mexico state line.



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